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MEDIA RELEASE

The Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a Serious Motor Vehicle Collision that occurred on MD Rt. 97 near Cattail Creek Road in Glenwood, Howard County. The two vehicle collision occurred at approximately 3:12 AM, during the early morning rain.

A Ford Explorer was southbound on MD Rt. 97 when it crossed the double yellow line and struck a northbound Chevrolet Cavalier.

The driver and passenger of the Chevrolet Cavalier were both flown by Maryland State Police Medivac to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma. The driver was identified as Kaleigh Rinaldi, 16 yrs old, of the 6700 blk. Hammond Ct, Marriottsville Maryland. The passenger in the Cavalier was identified as Tressa Mielke, 18 yrs old, of the 500 blk. BunkerHill Crest, Sykesville Maryland. Both are listed in Critical Condition.

The driver of the Ford Explorer was identified as Joanna Nasios, 22 yrs old, of the 1000 blk. Hawlings Road, Brookeville Maryland. She was taken to Montgomery County General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Alcohol and speed are suspected contributing factors in the on-going investigation.

